



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN
GRACIANO GOMEZ (FORMER ALESSANDRO II) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA



Public Comment Period: August 1, 2011 to September 1, 2011

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the San Bernardino City Unified School District's (SBCUSD) proposed Graciano Gomez (former Alessandro II) Elementary School (site). This workplan describes the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 328 cubic yards (460 tons) of impacted soil from the site. The site consists of approximately 13.25 acres located southwest of the intersection of West Baseline and Herrington Avenue in the City of San Bernardino, California. Residential properties are located to the north across West Baseline street and to the south across West 11th street. Commercial properties are located across Herrington Avenue to the east. The site is bounded along the west by residential properties along North Western Avenue. The proposed project site consisted primarily of single-family residences, three multi-family residences (four units or more) and one former commercial parcel, as well as a church. Excluding the church, aboveground structures have been demolished and cleared, and the site is vacant.

During environmental investigations, concentrations of lead and pesticide compounds exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites were detected in shallow soils at 25 of the 39 parcels comprising the site. The SBCUSD recommends removal of the contaminated soils from those parcels and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility.

The DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the defined amount of contaminated soil to be removed, the removal's short duration, and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted off-site facility for lawful disposal/treatment.

The public comment period is from **August 1, 2011** to **September 1, 2011**. Written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by **September 1 2011** and sent to: Rana Georges, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, rgeorges@dtsc.ca.gov.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: A copy of the Draft RAW and other project documents are available at:

SBCUSD Facilities Management building 956 W. 9 th Street San Bernardino, CA 92411	Norman F. Feldhym Central Library 555 W. 5 th Street San Bernardino, CA 92410	DTSC Regional Records Office 5796 Corporate Avenue Cypress, CA 90630 Contact (714) 484-5337
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Documents can also be found at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov.

CONTACT: If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal activities, please contact:

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